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MEMORANDUM THRU HEADQUARTERS, IMA, ATTN: SFIM-OP (MS. MARSHA L. CHANDLER, 2511 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY, ARLINGTON, VA 22202-3926

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USA Express, The Army's Premiere Touring Show Band,
Performer/Technician Nominations

1. The USA Express (UE) is a high energy, six to seven person, top 40-variety show band, produced by the US Army Entertainment Division (USAED). Initiated primarily as an entertainment resource for mobilization and deployment support, UE operates in CONUS and OCONUS locations. Geared musically for Soldiers 18-25 years of age, but suited for all ages, UE bands are highly deployable and mobile for touring to remote installations, training sites and combat contingency areas. The band is comprised of active duty, National Guard/Reserve military musicians and singers chosen for their outstanding military performance, attitude, musical ability, and versatility.
2. The USAED is in preparation for UE 05-1. Soldier selectees will report for rehearsals and inprocessing at Fort Belvoir, VA on/about 21 January 2005. UE 05-1 tour schedule and performance locations will be announced at a later date. UE 05-1 will tour approximately two and a half months, beginning on/about 10 March 2005.
3. The USAED is currently seeking soldier instrumentalists and vocal performers. Primary instrumentalists sought include keyboard, bass guitar, lead guitar, saxophone and drums. Other instrumentalists may apply to be part of the band. Vocal performers are required to be comfortable with all idioms of music, to have dance ability and to be able to communicate effectively with an audience.
4. Interested Soldiers should submit a complete packet to: Army Entertainment Division, Attn: USA Express, PO Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, NLT 30 December 2004. The nomination packet must include the following:
 - a. A detailed resume outlining experience.
 - b. A copy of the enlisted records brief (ERB).

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- c. The latest record APFT
- d. Current DA photo
- e. A copy of the latest NCOER, if applicable.
- f. Soldiers interested in participating in the 2005 USA Express will submit a VHS tape to Army Entertainment Division, Attn: Mr. Cordell Hall, P.O. Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, no later than **30 December 2004**.
- g. Soldiers must also fax a Memorandum of Release and Recommendation, signed by their commander to (703) 806-5251, which covers the period from 21 January through on/about 10 July 2005. Soldiers will be attached to the Army Entertainment Detachment for all personnel administration, billeting and UCMJ purposes.
- h. Soldiers must meet height and weight standards IAW AR 600-9.
- i. Soldiers should ensure data in the Enlisted Distribution Assignment System (EDAS) accurately reflects current information as Detachment personnel conduct a preliminary screening of all applicants.
- j. Applicants must be fully deployable worldwide. Soldiers who are not deployable worldwide for any reason (to include, but not limited to, health, family and legal reasons) are not eligible.
- k. National Guard and Reserve personnel must be on placed active duty for the period of tour and their command must be willing to sponsor them for the period of activation for pay and allowances. All costs will be borne by this Headquarters.

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5. For additional information or questions, contact Mr. Cordell Hall, UE Program Manager, at DSN 656-3220 or (703) 806-3220, email: cordell.hall@cfsc.army.mil.


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